posted to any of the field formations especially for giving them varied experience and to meet operational requirements of highly sensitive nature and other administrative exigencies. Reposting of these officers will be considered at an appropriate time subject to availability of vacancies and administrative expediency.

**Representation from the Marathawada Pensioners' Association**

2398. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to to state:

(a) whether the Marathawada Pensioners' Association, Aurangabad has represented to the Central Government to set up office of the Accountant General, Maharashtra III, Marathawada Region, Aurangabad; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The office of Accountant General (Accounts & Entitlement) II, Maharashtra Nagpur which has been set up in October, 1984 is taking care of the problem of pensioners of Marathawada Region. It has, therefore, not been found necessary to set up a new office of Accountant General at Aurangabad.

**Income-tax raids in Greater Bombay**

2399. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of raids conducted by the Income Tax Department at the premises of businessmen, industrial houses and builders in Greater Bombay during the financial year ending 31st March, 1985 and from 1st April to 30th June, 1985;

(b) what is the outcome of these raids; and

(c) what is the number of prosecutions launched for tax evasion as a result of these raids?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Request from Maharashtra Government to grant loan to cultivators at reduced rate**

2400. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government have sought the permission of the Central Government to make available Short-term, medium-term and long-term loans to small cultivators at the reduced rate of 6 per cent; and

(b) if so, by when the decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Government of Maharashtra had submitted a Scheme for providing loans to small farmers at a subsidised rate of six per cent.

(b) The decision has been taken and the Government has not concurred with the proposed Scheme.

**Increase in investment in shares of companies**

2401. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that investment in shares of compaines has increased;